

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended): A method of providing for a server on a computer, comprising
 - a. providing for communicating with a first client, wherein said first client performs a method comprising:
 - i. providing for reading a portable memory element;
 - 5 ii. providing for obtaining passcode information necessary to access data from said portable memory element; and
 - iii. providing for authenticating said passcode information;
 - b. providing for providing a ~~first~~ passkey to said first client if said passcode information is authentic for said portable memory element;
 - 10 c. providing for communicating with at least one second client;
 - d. providing for receiving a ~~second~~ passkey from said at least one second client; and
 - e. providing for enabling said at least one second client to communicate with said first client if a value of said ~~second~~ passkey received from said at least one second client corresponds to a value of said ~~first~~ passkey provided to said first client.
2. (currently amended): A method of providing for a server on a computer as recited in claim 1, wherein the operation of providing for communicating with ~~a~~ said first client comprises providing for encrypting signals that are sent to said first client, and decrypting signals that are received from said first client.
3. (original): A method of providing for a server on a computer as recited in claim 1, wherein said portable memory element comprises a memory card, a flash memory card or a SmartCard.

4. (original): A method of providing for a server on a computer as recited in claim 1, wherein said data comprises medical information of a person who is capable of providing said passcode information necessary to access data from said portable memory element.
5. (original): A method of providing for a server on a computer as recited in claim 1, wherein said passcode information comprises at least one fingerprint of a person associated with said portable memory element.
6. (original): A method of providing for a server on a computer as recited in claim 1, wherein said passcode information comprises either alphanumeric information or biometric information provided by a person associated with said portable memory element.
7. (original): A method of providing for a server on a computer as recited in claim 1, wherein said first client is mobile.
8. (currently amended): A method of providing for a server on a computer as recited in claim 1, further comprising providing for enabling said first client either to read information from, or to record information to, said portable memory ~~device~~ element if said passcode information is authentic for said portable memory element.
9. (currently amended): A method of providing for a server on a computer as recited in claim 8, wherein said information ~~from said first client~~ recorded to said portable memory element comprises voice information, data from a medical instrument, data from a keyboard or keypad, or handwritten data.
10. (original): A method of providing for a server on a computer as recited in claim 1, further comprising identifying a level of authority of said first client, and controlling access to said data responsive to said level of authority.
11. (currently amended): A method of providing for a server on a computer as recited in claim 1, further comprising providing for a first user associated with said first client to provide said ~~first~~ passkey to said at least one second user associated with at least one second client so that said at least one second user can provide said ~~second~~ passkey having said value that corresponds to said value of said first passkey provided by said first client.

12. (currently amended): A method of providing for a server on a computer as recited in claim 1, wherein the operation of providing for communicating with ~~a~~said at least one second client comprises providing for encrypting signals that are sent to said at least one second client, and decrypting signals that are received from said at least one second client.
13. (currently amended): A method of providing for a server on a computer as recited in claim 1, further comprising providing for enabling said at least one second client either to read information from, or to record information to, said portable memory ~~device~~element if said value of said second-passkey provided by said at least one second client corresponds to said value of said first-passkey provided to said first client.
14. (original): A method of providing for a server on a computer as recited in claim 1, further comprising providing for interfacing with a CORBAMED system.
15. (original): A method of providing for a server on a computer as recited in claim 14, wherein said CORBAMED system comprises a Terminology Query Service server, a Clinical Observation Access Service server, and a Resource Access Decision server.
16. (original): A method of providing for a server on a computer as recited in claim 15, further comprising providing for said first client to read at least one trait from said portable memory element and providing for receiving said at least one trait from said first client.
17. (original): A method of providing for a server on a computer as recited in claim 16, further comprising communicating said at least one trait to said CORBAMED system and communicating data from said CORBAMED system corresponding to said at least one trait to at least one of said first client and said at least one second client.
18. (original): A method of providing for a server on a computer as recited in claim 16, wherein said at least one trait is defined in accordance with a Health Level 7 (HL7) specification.
19. (original): A method of providing for a server on a computer as recited in claim 16, further comprising storing information from either said first client or said at least one second client in at least one database operatively associated with said CORBAMED system.

20. (currently amended): A Personal Identification Service server of a CORBAMED system, comprising:

- a. a means for communicating with a first client;
- b. a means for receiving a first signal from said first client, wherein said first signal indicates if said first client is authorized to access a portable memory element provided that said portable memory element is operatively connected to said first client;
- c. a means for providing a ~~first~~ passkey to said first client if said first signal indicates that said first client is authorized to access said portable memory element;
- d. a means for communicating with ~~a~~ at least one second client;
- e. a means for receiving a second signal from said at least one second client; and
- f. a means for providing for said at least one second client to communicate with said first client if said second signal comprises a ~~second~~ passkey having a value that corresponds to a value of said first passkey provided to said first client.

21. (original): A Personal Identification Service server of a CORBAMED system as recited in claim 20, further comprising a means for providing for said first client to either read information from, or record information to, said portable memory element if said first signal indicates that said first client is authorized to access said portable memory element.

22. (currently amended): A Personal Identification Service server of a CORBAMED system as recited in claim 20, further comprising a means for providing for said at least one second client to either read information from, or record information to, said portable memory element if said second signal comprises ~~a second~~ said passkey having said value that corresponds to said value of said first passkey provided to said first client.

23. (original): A method of providing for a first client on a computer, comprising:

- a. providing for communicating with a server;
- b. providing for reading a portable memory element;
- c. providing for obtaining passcode information necessary to access data from said portable memory element;
- d. providing for authenticating said passcode information;
- e. providing for receiving a first passkey from said server if said passcode information is authentic for said portable memory element; and
- f. providing for communicating with at least one second client in communication with said server.

24. (currently amended): A method of providing for a first client on a computer as recited in claim **23**, further comprising providing for a first user associated with the first client to provide said first passkey to at least one second user associated with said at least one second client.

25. (currently amended): A method of providing for a first client on a computer as recited in claim **23**, wherein the operation of providing for communicating with ~~a~~-said server comprises providing for encrypting signals that are sent to said server, and decrypting signals that are received from said server.

26. (original): A method of providing for a first client on a computer as recited in claim **23**, wherein said portable memory element comprises a memory card, a flash memory card or a SmartCard.

27. (original): A method of providing for a first client on a computer as recited in claim **23**, wherein said data comprises medical information of a person who is capable of providing said passcode information necessary to access data from said portable memory element.

28. (original): A method of providing for a first client on a computer as recited in claim 23, wherein said passcode information comprises at least one fingerprint of a person associated with said portable memory element.
29. (original): A method of providing for a first client on a computer as recited in claim 23, wherein said passcode information comprises either alphanumeric information or biometric information provided by a person associated with said portable memory element.
30. (currently amended): A method of providing for a first client on a computer as recited in claim 23, further comprising providing for either reading information from, or recording information to, said portable memory ~~device~~ element if said passcode information is authentic for said portable memory element.
31. (original): A method of providing for a first client on a computer as recited in claim 30, wherein said information from said first client comprises voice information, data from a medical instrument, data from a keyboard or keypad, or handwritten data.
32. (original): A method of providing for a first client on a computer as recited in claim 23, further comprising identifying a level of authority, and controlling access to said data responsive to said level of authority.
33. (currently amended): A first client computer system, comprising:
- a. a computer;
 - b. a memory interface device operatively connected to said computer, wherein said memory interface device is capable of interfacing with a portable memory element;
 - 5 c. a data input device operatively connected to said computer, wherein said data input device provides for entering passcode information necessary to access data on said portable memory element when said portable memory element is operatively connected to said memory interface device;
 - d. a communications interface operatively connected to said computer and to at least one
10 other computer;

e. a memory, wherein said memory provides for storing an application program, wherein said application program provides for a method comprising:

i. providing for communicating via said communications interface with a server;

ii. providing for reading said portable memory element provided that said portable memory element is operatively connected to said memory interface device;

iii. providing for obtaining said passcode information from said data input device necessary to access said data from said portable memory element;

iv. providing for authenticating said passcode information;

v. providing for receiving a first passkey from said server if said passcode information is authentic for said portable memory element;

vi. providing for a first user associated with the first client computer system to provide said first passkey to at least one second user associated with at least one second client computer system; and

vii. providing for communicating information via said communications interface with said at least one second client computer system in communication with said server.

34. (currently amended): A first client computer system as recited in claim **33**, wherein said data input device comprises a fingerprint reader operatively connected to said computer, and the operation of obtaining said passcode information from said data input device comprises reading at least one fingerprint with said fingerprint reader.

35. (currently amended): A first client computer system as recited in claim **33**, wherein said communications interface is operatively connected to a computer network.

36. (currently amended): A first client computer system as recited in claim **35**, wherein said communications interface comprises a wireless communication device.

37. (currently amended): A first client computer system as recited in claim **33**, wherein said communications interface comprises a wireless communication device.

38. (original): A first client computer system as recited in claim **33**, further comprising providing for storing said information on said portable memory element.

39. (currently amended): A first client computer system as recited in claim **33**, further comprising providing for reading stored information from said portable memory element and either displaying said stored information ~~by~~ with a display operatively connected to said computer or communicating said stored information to said at least one second client computer system.

40. (original): A portable memory element, comprising a memory capable of being read from or written to by a computer provided that said memory is operatively connected to a first client computer system, wherein said memory is adapted to store passcode information as stored passcode information, and said memory provides for cooperating with said first client computer system that operates in accordance with a method comprising:

- a. providing for communicating by said computer via a communication interface with a server;
- b. providing for reading said portable memory element by said first client computer system provided that said memory is operatively connected to a memory interface device of said first client computer system;
- c. providing for obtaining passcode information from a data input device operatively connected to said first client computer system, wherein said passcode information is necessary to access data from said memory;
- d. providing for authenticating said passcode information by comparing said passcode information with said stored passcode information;
- e. providing for receiving a first passkey from said server if said passcode information matches said stored passcode information;
- f. providing for a first user associated with said first client computer system to provide said first passkey to at least one second user associated with at least one second client computer system; and
- g. providing for communicating information via said communication interface with said at least one second client computer system in communication with said server.

41. (currently amended): A portable memory element as recited in claim **40**, wherein the operation of obtaining said passcode information from said data input device comprises reading at least one fingerprint with a fingerprint reader operatively connected to said first client computer system.
42. (currently amended): A portable memory element as recited in claim **40**, further comprising providing for storing said information ~~on~~ in said memory.
43. (currently amended): A portable memory element as recited in claim **40**, further comprising providing for reading stored information from said memory and either displaying said stored information ~~by~~ with a display operatively connected to said first client computer system or communicating said stored information to said at least one second client computer system.